

TOWN OF READING BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2024

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor P. Gill, Councilperson C. Stamp, Councilperson C. Richtmyer, Councilperson J. Rumsey, Hwy. Supt. J. Switzer, and Clerk T. Alger.

ABSENT: Supervisor S. Miller, Building Inspector-D. Tremblay

VISITORS:

Mark Rondinaro – Schuyler County Legislature

Justin Payne – 4111 St Rt 14A, Rock Stream

Stanley Cullen – 2880 Spencer Rd, Rock Stream

Deborah Payne – 8559 St. Rt 415, Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Mark Rondinaro, Schuyler County Legislature, provided 2023 Sales Tax Information. YTD Sales Tax Revenue was \$15,783,247 for an YTD increase of \$1,311,808 or 12.49%. The December sales were up by \$71,969 or 5.73 % increase from 2022.

Stanley Cullen inquired when the Highway Dept would be or had any idea when the section of Spencer Road that he lives on would be oiled and stoned. Highway Supt, J. Switzer, said they had a tentative plan to work on it this year.

Justin Payne, Son of John Payne, spoke on behalf of Jaynes Used Auto Parts inspection performed by Building Inspector, D. Tremblay. Mr. Payne spoke that he was present at Jaynes Used Auto when the inspection was performed by Building Inspector D. Tremblay. D. Tremblay gave no indication as to whether the cleanup and safety issues that were addressed via certified letter were acceptable. Jaynes Used Auto Parts henceforth received a letter that an operating permit was again denied. Building Inspector, D. Tremblay and Supervisor S. Miller were absent from the meeting and Deputy Supervisor, P. Gill, said the Board did not really have the privy to discuss due to the absence of Miller and Tremblay, but Deputy Supervisor Gill said he would contact Supervisor Miller and see what he could find out and be in contact.

RESOLUTION #1 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to accept the December 13th minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #2 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to accept the December 27th Year End minutes as written. Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

AYES:	Councilperson C. Stamp	NAYS-none
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING: Continued review of Short-Term Rental Law and Application drafts

HIGHWAY: Superintendent J. Switzer read his report.

LANDFILL: No report

CLERK: Clerk Alger read her report

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Jaynes Used Auto Parts tabled until February 14th meeting due to absence of Supervisor, S. Miller and Building Inspector, D. Tremblay.

Short Term Rental Policy and Application are still being reviewed and further discussion will be held at the February 14th meeting.

Drafting a local law to address larger Solar Farms over 25kw is still being considered and the Board will review what other Townships are adopting.

The new Town website www.townofreadingny.org is now up and running and the contract with InCommand has been discontinued. SCT is working to make the website more findable when using google web browser.

NEW BUSINESS:

An audit of Town Clerk and Tax Collector accounts and record keeping requirements, as outlined by the Office of the NYS Comptroller, was performed by Councilpersons P. Gill and Councilperson C. Stamp

RESOLUTION #3 Councilperson P. Gill made a motion to accept the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Audits as complete seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES:	Councilperson P. Gill	NAYS: none
	Councilperson C. Stamp	
	Councilperson C. Richtmyer	
	Councilperson J. Rumsey	

The Supervisor Audit will be postponed until the February 14th meeting

The Justice Audit will also be completed at the February 14th meeting.

All Board members will meet at 6:45Pm to perform the 2 audits.

RESOLUTION #4 Councilperson J. Rumsey made a motion to grant permission for Highway Supt. J. Switzer to post 8 Ton limit on listed roads effective February 1, 2024 until May 15, 2024. Legal Notice will be published in the Watkins Review and Express. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #5 Councilman C. Stamp made a motion to sign the 284 Agreement listing major road projects for 2024 which will be forwarded to the County for signature and returned. Seconded by C. Richtmyer

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #6 Councilman C. Stamp made a motion, to approve all appointments, assignments, salary, time periods subject to acceptance, and to have the future date of the regular Board meetings as the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Reading Town Hall. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

NAYS: none

The Board reviewed the Highway Dept. Inventory provided by Highway Supt, J. Switzer.

COMMUNICATION:

Email addressed to the Town Board from R. Hess, Office Manager, Jaynes Used Auto Parts

RESOLUTION #7 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for General Funds dated December 31, 2023. Seconded by J. Rumsey

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION #8 Councilperson C. Richtmyer made a motion to approve the Budget amendments for Highway Funds dated December 31, 2023. Seconded by J. Rumsey

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

RESOLUTION #9 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to pay Abstract # 001 as follows;
seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey

General Town wide	\$	18,671.09
Town Outside Village	\$	2,912.24
Highway Town wide	\$	13,545.14
Highway Outside Village	\$	11,598.25
Sewer	\$	0.00
Total:	\$46,726.72	

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

RESOLUTION #10 Deputy Supervisor, P. Gill made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:15PM to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Councilperson C. Stamp

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

RESOLUTION #11 Deputy Supervisor, P. Gill made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:25PM to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Councilperson C. Richtmyer

AYES: Councilperson P. Gill NAYS: none
Councilperson C. Stamp
Councilperson C. Richtmyer
Councilperson J. Rumsey

RESOLUTION #12 Councilperson C. Stamp made a motion to adjourn regular meeting at 8:30 PM Seconded by Councilperson J. Rumsey